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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE

IPF:(1992-96) - $92 969 000
(MOZ/91/001) - Support to the Environment Division of INFP

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	3 August 1991
Expected duration:	18 months
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	INPF/National Environment Division
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$499 500 Source of funds: IPF
Total UNDP budget:	$499 500

Project background

Although Mozambique is sparsely populated, it has been facing increasing environmental problems over the recent years. In particular,. the areas with high population pressure around the major urban centres, along the coastal strip as well as the transport corridors, have suffered from soil degradation and deforestation, pollution and depletion of water and other essential natural resources.

To date, Mozambique has no legal framework nor institutional capacity to tackle these problems. Human resources in the field of environmental management are scarce; and little has been done to raise awareness on environmental issues.

The UNDP mid-term review has stressed that appropriate environmental considerations should be reflected in development planning and technical cooperation and identified as a major problem the absence of an institutional structure in the Government. UNEP has provided initial funding for six months for the establishment of a Provisional Secretariat in the Environment Division of the National Institute for Physical Planning (Instituto Nacional de Planeamento Fisico -INPF). In order to consolidate the technical capacity of this Division, it needs further technical assistance, in particular in the areas of environmental law, public information and education, monitoring and cross-sectoral coordination.

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Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) build up the necessary human resources for environmental policy planning and implementation, with an emphasis on the priority areas identified, i.e. legislation, awareness-raising, monitoring and impact assessment, and coordination with various Government and non-Governmental institutions as well as donor agencies; (b) provide on-the-job training for a number of national experts; (c) organize selected training courses and workshops for the staff of the Environment Division and various Ministries and non-Governmental institutions dealing with environmental issues; and (d) explore possibilities to initiate provincial activities which may be extended if and when the civil strife comes to an end in the near future.

At the end of the project, a basic environmental strategy will be defined, a coherent legal framework elaborated and adopted; and awareness will be developed within the various Government institutions for the need of systematic environmental impact assessments and environmental monitoring. The human resources of the Environment Division will be upgraded; the institutional capacity (institutionalized cooperation structures, documentation etc.) enhanced; major environmental problems such as land degradation, coastal deforestation and depletion of essential resources will be addressed; and strategies to contain or, to the extent possible, reverse negative trends, will be developed.

Inputs

UNDP will provide one international project coordinator (CTA. 18 work-months, national experts in the field of education, inter-agency coordination, documentation, environmental geography, project administration and environmental training (18 work-months each); secretarial services, equipment (one car, one minibus, one computer printer, three typewriters, three motorbikes (for selected provinces); several workshops and seminars (yet to be defined in detail); and costs related to the attendance of selected courses and international conferences on the environment..

Financial data

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Personnel	395 500
Training	40 000
Equipment	49 000
Miscellaneous	15 000
Total	499 500

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